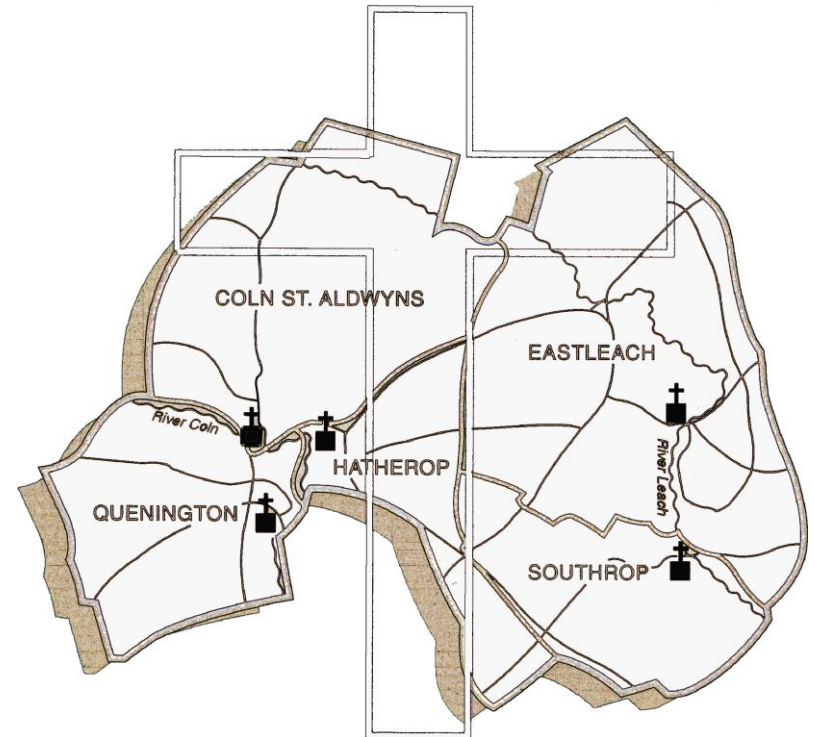


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Tight-rope walking

I enjoy fire – burning wood is a perfect way of heating the Vicarage! The whole package: collecting, stacking, carting, splitting kindling, laying the fire, putting a match to it; poking, prodding, nursing and tending. Much of the activity is barely thought about: skills learnt and enthusiasm caught from my father. It was therefore something of a shock when, whilst quickly chopping some kindling, I brought the axe down on my hand – an action undertaken safely thousands of times but not this time! We didn't think it needed stitches although in hindsight it probably did ...

Last month I wrote about holiness and how God is all around if we but stop and look and listen. Cutting my hand with the axe reminded me that we walk a tight-rope: at any moment we can slip from the everyday into the exceptional. Of course I would rather our slips lead to joy rather than bandages and pain but the principle holds true at any moment: the mundane and ordinary can be transformed into the sacred and profound.

This is the season of Lent, the period leading up to Easter, when we are encouraged to make time and space to explore the invisible world around us and seek the love of God. Lent can be like testing the thickness of ice – listening to the creaks and seeing the cracks – leaping to see if it will support our weight. Our reward when the ice cracks is not an icy bath but rather an encounter with the living God and his merciful love. To help you break the ice this Lent there is daily prayer in our churches, Lent lunches to which all are welcome, Lenten reflections within a short service of Evening Prayer in Eastleach every Wednesday at 7pm, and worship in our churches every Sunday. You are warmly invited to join any of these activities or indeed explore on your own.

I would also like to give advance notice of a different way of celebrating Easter Sunday this year – in addition to our usual Easter worship we are planning a dawn service in Coln St Aldwyns. We will start our worship in the twilight entering an unlit church that will be gradually illuminated by candles. At the end of the service we will depart from the church into the full light of day – we hope this will be a dramatic and powerful way of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, the Light of the World. A cooked breakfast in the Vicarage will follow ...

Safe chopping

May you bathe in God's loving presence

Every blessing

Craig

Births

On 4th February to Stephen and Ruth Wells of 42 Eastleach,
a daughter Niamh

Baptisms

Grace Anne Monahan, St Andrew's, Eastleach, Sunday 22nd January

CHURCH NEWS:

Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 2nd March, St Swithun's Church, Quenington – a short service following the theme 'Let Justice Prevail'

Lent Course, Wednesdays through Lent, St Andrew's, Eastleach, 7pm, a said service of Evening Prayer with a meditation given by Revd Craig Bishop and Revd Canon Chris Finlay:

- 29th February Renewal in Christ by Baptism
- 7th March The Power of the Spirit - Confirmation
- 14th March The Bread of Life - Communion
- 21st March Living Faith at Worship
- 28th March Faith in the World

Daily Prayer in church, please see notice boards for details (Monday – Southrop, Tuesday - Hatherop, Friday - Coln, Saturday – Eastleach)

Confirmation, Sunday 20th May, 10am, St Nicholas, Hatherop with Bishop Michael of Gloucester. Please contact Revd Craig Bishop or Revd Canon Chris Finlay if you would like to explore confirmation

Lent lunches, food and fellowship raising funds for the Team Youth Worker and charities nominated by our hosts:

Wednesday 7th March, The Old Rectory, Hatherop with Ros and Fraser Hart

Wednesday 14th March, Colnside House, Back Lane, Gas Lane, Fairford with Christine and Gavin Ansell-Wells

Wednesday 21st March, Vicarage Cottage, Coln St Aldwyns with Nigel Hugh-Smith

Wednesday 28th March, The Quoin, Southrop with Margaret and Keith Davey

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FIVE VILLAGE DIARY

Mar 2	Women's World Day of Prayer, St Swithun's, Quenington
Mar 7	Reflections for Lent, Evening Prayer, Eastleach church
Mar 7	Lent Lunch
Mar 7	Talk by Jo Swinney, 'God Hunting: A Diary of Spiritual Discovery'
Mar 8	Friendship Circle - Mervyn Penny - Talk on the Lake District with Slides (Eastleach)
Mar 10	Knitting Morning, Coln Reading Room
Mar 10	Eastleach Spring Clean, 10am outside Victoria Inn
Mar 10	Quenington Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm
Mar 13	CHEQS Gardening Club Talk
Mar 14	Lent Lunch
Mar 14	Reflections for Lent, Evening Prayer, Eastleach church
Mar 14	The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society AGM and March Lecture
Mar 16	Quenington Society Talk on the Gloster Meteor
Mar 16	Rock the Cathedral: Engaging Young People in Social Justice, Gloucester Cathedral
Mar 17	Coln Litter Pick
Mar 21	Lent Lunch
Mar 21	Reflections for Lent, Evening Prayer, Eastleach church
Mar 28	Lent Lunch
Mar 28	Reflections for Lent, Evening Prayer, Eastleach church
Mar 28	Quenington Village Institute Bingo
Mar 30	Coln Cinema
Mar 31	Fairford & District Choral Society Performance, St Mary's Church, Fairford
Apr 9	Red Cross Gardens Open, Quenington Old Rectory
Apr 12	Friendship Circle - H'penny Penny Bridge Singers (Southrop)
Apr 14	Quenington Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm
Apr 15	Rare Plants Sale, Quenington Old Rectory
May 10	Friendship Circle - Morning Mystery Tour & Lunch
May 12	Quenington Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm
May 20	Confirmation, St Nicholas Church, Hatherop
June 24	National Gardens Scheme Open Gardens, Quenington (Old Rectory and other gardens in the village)
Sept 21-23	South Cotswold Team Retreat

VILLAGE ROUNDUP

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Reflections for Lent



A series of meditations on our Sacraments and Worship
as part of Evening Prayer on
Wednesdays in Lent, at 7pm in Eastleach Church.

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The meditations will be given by Rev'd Craig Bishop and Canon Chris Finlay

THE COTSWOLD DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society will hold their AGM and March lecture on March 14, 2012. The title of the lecture is "Matisse & Picasso" by Nina Levick. The AGM begins at 10.30am and the lecture at 11.00am. These take place at the Bradwell Village Hall, Burford, OX18 4XF. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8). For more information please see our website www.cotswolddfas.org.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD HOSPITAL

The League of Friends of Fairford Hospital's new charity shop in Lechlade is proving to be a victim of its own success. So strong has been the demand for the items that it has on sale that they are running low on stock.

Said new manager John Bird: "I have been impressed by the potential that the shop is showing and we are getting plenty of customers, but it is vitally important that we maintain the high quality of stock which has already been given to us if we are to realise our full potential."

The shop, which is manned largely by volunteers, is open on weekdays from 10am.

The League's next big fund-raising effort is the annual House-to-House collection which is to take place between March 18 and March 31. Stalwart collectors have already been contacted with details, but there are still areas which as yet have no collectors to carry on this important task.

Offers to the Administrator, Mrs Julie Zarczynski (01793 725091), or the Charity Shop.

JEWELS FOR A JUBILEE

FAIRFORD & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY – SPRING CONCERT 2012

The society's next concert will be on Saturday, 31st March at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Fairford, when it will contribute to Fairford's Jubilee celebrations with a concert including Handel's *Coronation Anthems* (of which the best known is probably *Zadok The Priest*) and Mozart's *Coronation Mass*.

We are delighted that our Accompanist, Robin Baggs, will contribute a performance of Walton's *Crown Imperial* as part of the programme. Soloists: return visits by Fiona Dobie (Soprano), Natanya Phillips (Mezzo) and Henry Herford (Bass) and a first appearance with us by Peter Harris (Tenor).

Tickets available from Blenheim Antiques in Fairford's Market Place, Fairford Opticians in the High Street, through the society's website (www.fairford.org/choralsociety) where you can also find general information about the choir and its concerts, or by telephoning 01285 713681.

HELP - CALLING LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

After a complete sell-out of the 2011 Eastleach Christmas Card, it is time to be thinking about Christmas 2012. If you have or can take a pic of a wintry scene in the village, please let us see it for consideration - to have a choice would be ideal. 2012 is the tenth year of Eastleach cards so extra special photos, for cards sold again in aid of St Andrew's Church Fabric Fund, will be necessary to celebrate this milestone. Please help, we look forward to receiving a record number of photos to choose from.

Contact - Graeme Tonge, Tel. 01367 850406

QUENINGTON COFFEE MORNINGS

A coffee morning will be held on Saturday 10th March 10am - 12pm. This will be the third of what has become a regular event and will now be held each month on the second Saturday from 10am - 12pm. Future dates for your diary April 14th and May 12th. Come along and catch up with neighbours and friends over a cup of coffee or tea and share your ideas of other events we could offer. As well as the now regular faces we warmly welcome those who make it for the first time.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

Quenington Old Rectory & several other gardens in Quenington, Sunday 24th June, 2pm to 5.30pm. Tea and Cake available in the grounds of Quenington Old Rectory - kindly provided by Hatherop Primary School PTA.

Entrance Fee £5.00 for adults, children free. Proceeds to National Gardens Scheme.

FAIRFORD UNITED CHURCH (CONGREGATIONAL/METHODIST)

Sunday services start at 10.00am each week.

On Sundays when there is no All Age Worship, there is Sunday School provision for children.

Fairly traded goods are available for sale after Sunday services.

Contact Group meets on first Friday of month (2nd March, 6th April) 12.30pm – 2.30pm – meet friends old and new over tea/coffee and a light lunch.

QUENINGTON SOCIETY TALK ON THE GLOSTER METEOR

It is not widely known that much of the pioneering work on jet-powered flight and, indeed, the actual manufacture of the most successful of the early jet-fighter aircraft happened just below Birdlip Hill.

Moreover, much of the development work on the aircraft themselves was dependent on the open skies available over the Southern Cotswolds .

So, on Friday 16th March, Richard Cleghorn-Brown will attempt to rectify this situation with a talk to the Quenington Society on this widely ignored aspect of local history, and will pay particular attention to that amazing operational fighter, the 'Gloster Meteor'...and he will explain why 'Gloucester' had to become 'Gloster', to the consequential confusion of many a schoolboy of the early post-World War II years.

Friday 16th March, 7 for 7.30pm at the Quenington Village Institute. £3 entry. www.quenington.info

COLN LITTER PICK

There will a village litter pick around Coln St. Aldwyns on Saturday 17th March. We will meet outside Coln Stores at 10.00am.

Everybody is welcome to join the team and tidy up our parish. It made such a difference last year and even more helpers will be very welcome this year.

QUENINGTON TODDLERS - RESTARTING MONDAYS AT THE INSTITUTE

Babies, toddlers, pre-school children and their parents, grandparents and carers from the CHEQS villages are very welcome to join the restarted Quenington Toddler group on a Monday morning (county school term time) from 10am to 11.30am.

Come and have a coffee and chat while the children play, perhaps finishing up with some songs.

We will be meeting at the Quenington Institute, Church Road, Quenington, GL7 5GL until further notice, but hope that should the purchase of The Gate on the Green by the village be successful we may move there in the not too distant future.

For more information call Xanthe on 01285 750647.

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On Wednesday 28th March, 7 for 7.30pm. Please come and support your village meeting hall. Any gifts would be gratefully received.

Village Hall Committee

HATHEROP CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

As part of Science week, the whole school enjoyed an amazing trip to @Bristol. It was great to see the whole school learning. Class 1 and 2 learnt about 'Pushes and Pulls' and Class 3 visited the Planetarium. We were able to see our veins using a special scanner, make animations and drop parachutes. A fantastic time was had by all.

We also tried to complete some real stargazing but at the moment of writing we are waiting for clearer skies!!! We finished the week by having a Science themed non-uniform day. Mr. Bartholomew, the Headteacher came dressed as a mad scientist. Children's costumes were very varied from astronauts to bacteria!

Throughout the week, there were experiments going on throughout the school. For example, children have been dropping objects on to flour to understand how craters are formed, or firing rockets using washing up bottles! As well as all the Science work, Year 5/6 children have represented the school in a football and netball tournament. Both teams did very well. New school Councillors have been elected to discuss with governors how to improve lunchtimes even further and help children know their targets.

The school is looking forward to next term when we will celebrate the life of Dickens on World Book Day, compete in the Mock Trials and run an extra mile for Sport Relief.

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD HOSPITAL

Annual House to House collection - 18th – 31st March

Please give as generously as you can to support the League's work in Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

HOCKEY FOR ALL

Witney Hockey is a thriving community club with over 200 members of all ages drawn from across three counties: Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire - including several from the CHEQS community. With strong sides in the younger age groups for both boys and girls, the Club is looking to attract the following age groups to support the club's continued growth:

Boys of all ages

Girls aged 14 and over

Male and female adult players

The Club currently features mixed teams for boys and girls aged 8 - 10, single sex boys' and girls' teams for the 10 – 16 age group, 5 senior men's teams, 3 senior women's teams and a girls' development side.

Junior Coach, Linda Billington, said: "We aim to enable people to play top quality hockey by providing excellent coaches, a busy training schedule and a wide range of fixtures. Do come and find out what we offer. If, as an adult, you played hockey at school or college and would like to brush up those skills, we'd be delighted to hear from you. For juniors, club hockey can be a great way to complement the often one-term-a-year approach of school hockey. We're a busy, friendly club and would love to hear from anyone interested in finding out more."

Training for senior women takes place at the Astro Turf Pitch on Gordon's Way in Witney on Wednesday evenings, and for senior men at Wood Green School on Tuesdays. Juniors train on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at both locations depending on age group. Full details of times and venues at: www.witneyhockey.org.uk <<http://www.witneyhockey.org.uk>> .

To find out more about joining, please contact Linda Billington: 01993 778068, linda.billington@btpopenworld.com

RAG BAG COLLECTION AT FARMOR'S SCHOOL

We are currently raising funds for the new Sixth Form extension and would like to ask for your support in one of our fundraising activities.

We will be collecting donated items for a Rag Bag Collection after Half Term.

Rag Bag is a recycling scheme where textiles are collected, sorted and donated to poor and developing nations around the world.

Donated items are weighed and the school is paid for every kg recycled – so the more we collect the more we raise!

We would welcome any donations of the following items:

- All men's, ladies and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Soft Toys
- Blankets
- Underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc...
- Household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc...

If you could place the items in bags and bring in to school during week commencing 20th February. Bags should be taken to the school office. Our first collection will take place on Friday 24th February.

Thank you very much for your support.

EASTLEACH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is once again taking part in the CDC Cotswold Spring Clean. If you are happy to give up an hour to collect litter around the village and surrounding roads please meet outside the Victoria Inn at 10am on Saturday 10th March. All materials, including gloves, will be provided.

Many thanks in anticipation of a good turnout!



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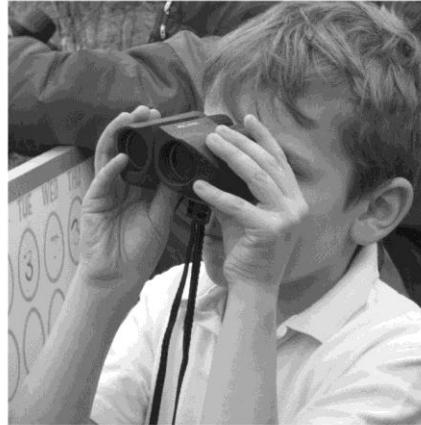
We have launched a fantastic new mini documentary about the school on the front page of our website, address above. Local film maker Jesse Brickley produced the film for us and the children were thrilled to take part. You can see more of Jesse's films at www.lostandfoundpictures.co.uk

The whole school took part in the RSPB Big School Birdwatch where the children observed different visiting birds to our wildlife garden and then recorded the sightings back to the RSPB to be part of a national survey of UK birds. We viewed house sparrows, robins, magpies, blackbirds, chaffinches and bluetits.

Our ever popular school clubs now include craft, sports, sumba, spanish, film, cookery, guitar and brass band. In cookery club we have a 'food from around the world' theme where the children will be cooking French crepes, Mexican chilli, Thai green curry, Spanish paella and Chinese stir fry. A big thankyou to all of our hard working volunteer helpers who make many of our clubs possible.

We warmly welcome two new members of staff, Caroline Simmons who takes over as School Administrator and Alison Tindal who joins us in the role of teaching assistant for the junior class.

The Y5/6's competed in the inter-schools football tournament last month and after a very impressive effort they finished 3rd out of 8. They were joint top of their group beating Fairford and Down Ampney and drawing with Kempford before going onto the semi-final against St Lawrence. They were very unlucky to lose 2-1 before playing Kempford again and winning to secure 3rd place. Bradley Wilkins and Ferdi van der Heiden were the goal scorers, but all team members played well with Harrison Robins making some good saves. An impressive result for our small school.



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KNITTING MORNING

March 10th Reading room Coln St Aldwyns Lindsay and Maureen invite you to come for tea, coffee and cake and knit a square to make Aids orphans warm. Jigsaw-online.com/knit-a-square. Size 4mm, 5mm or 6mm needles and some double knitting wool. We will welcome you at 10am till 12noon. Please come along it is a worthwhile charity.



Exhibitions & Events
March 2012

Jane Johnson Ceramics Exhibition

Saturday 14th January - Saturday 3rd March

Entry to the museum's temporary exhibition space is free.

Medieval Pilgrims

Thursday 1st March, 2-4pm. An afternoon talk with Tim Porter

Tickets cost £5.50 or £5 to season ticket holders. Booking is essential.

Modelling the Monastery Exhibition

Friday 9th March - Wednesday 28th March

Entry to the museum's temporary exhibition space is free.

Upper Palaeolithic Rock-Art in Britain: Misunderstanding, myth or might be?

Thursday 29th March. An evening lecture with Dr George Nash

Cost: £5.50 or £5 to season ticket holders. All lectures are from 7 - 8.30pm (this includes time for questions). Finish times may vary. Booking is advisable.

Rural Cinema

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th March at 2.15pm

Cost: £4.50, £3.75 (Concessions and season ticket holders). Booking recommended.

"WORDS"

Stroud Foto Forum Exhibition. Saturday 31st March - Tuesday 24th April

Entry to the museum's temporary exhibition space is free.

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March 2012

Midweek Services

Thursday March 1st	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	Coln
Thursday March 8th	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Coln
Thursday March 15th	9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	Coln
Thursday March 22nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Coln
Thursday March 29th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Coln
All Wednesdays in Lent	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer with reflection	Eastleach

Sunday 26th February (4th Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Hatherop	CB
9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Quenington	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	JE
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Coln	CB
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Southrop	RL

Sunday 4th March (1st Sunday)

9.30 am	Holy Communion CW	Southrop	CF
11.00 am	Holy Communion CW	Coln	CF
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	RL
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Quenington	PP

Sunday 11th March (2nd Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Hatherop	CB
9.30 am	Family HC CW	Quenington	CB
11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Eastleach	CF
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Coln	CF
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Southrop	JE

Sunday 18th March (Mothering Sunday)

9.30 am	Family Service CW	Hatherop	CB
9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Southrop	CF
11.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Coln	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	CF
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Quenington	HWP

Sunday 25th March (4th Sunday)

8.00 am	Holy Communion BCP	Hatherop	CB
9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	Quenington	CB
11.00 am	Morning Prayer BCP	Eastleach	JE
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Coln	RL
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer BCP	Southrop	CB

BCP – traditional language

CW – contemporary language

HYMNS AND READINGS

26th February 1st Sunday of Lent (Purple)

HC & FC	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 9-15
MP & EP	Psalm 25: 1-9	Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1 9-15
Hymns	238 217 214	

4th March Lent 2 (Purple)

HC & FC	Romans 4: 13-25	Mark 8: 31-38
MP & EP	Psalm 22: 23-31	Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Mark 8: 31-38
Hymns	237 102 148(omit vs 2 & 6)	

11th March Lent 3 (Purple)

HC & FC	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	John 2: 13-22
MP & EP	Psalm 19	Exodus 20: 1-17 John 2: 13-22
Hymns	125 343 332 (vv 5-9)	

18th March Mothering Sunday (Purple)

HC & FC	2 Corinthians 1: 3-7	Luke 2: 33-35
MP & EP	Psalm 34: 11-20	Exodus 2: 1-10 Luke 2: 33-35
Hymns	422 394 407	

25th March Lent 5 (Purple)

HC & FC	Hebrews 5: 5-10	John 12: 20-33
MP & EP	Psalm 51: 1-13	Jeremiah 31: 31-34 John 12: 20-33
Hymns	230 123 (2nd tune) 235	

1st April Palm Sunday (Red)

HC & FC	Philippians 2: 5-11	Mark 11: 1-11
MP & EP	Psalm 31: 9-16	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Mark 11: 1-11
Hymns	60 (omit v 3) 61 63 (omit vs 4 & 6)	